

This bulletin provides a quick reference to federal, state, and local cost share conservation programs in Wisconsin. While financial assistance to plan and implement forestry practices on private lands is never guaranteed, each year the federal government offers some incentive programs. The programs vary in eligibility requirements and the specific types of practices encouraged. Funding for the federal programs (columns 2 - 6) change each year as Congress works to produce a budget. The agency listed as administering the program is the best source of the most current information on a program. For the landowner who has patience, these programs often are very helpful in getting the technical and financial assistance they need to get started.

The chart that follows briefly outlines the various private forestry landowner assistance programs available to Wisconsin forest landowners

WFLGP WI Forest Landowner Grant Program	SIP - Forest Health Stewardship Incentives Program	CRP Conservation Reserve Program
State Program administered by the WI-DNR Bureau of Forestry.	Federal Program administered by the WI-DNR Bureau of Forestry (available fall 2002)	Federal Program administered by FSA with NRCS and DNR technical agencies
Up to 65 % cost-share for the preparation of management plans and the implementation of designated practices.	Up to 65 % cost-share for the preparation of management plans and the implementation of designated practices.	Annual payment program based on bids submitted by the landowner. 50 % cost-share for cover establishment
Maximum cost shares earned set by State currently \$10,000 per year	Maximum cost shares earned set by State currently \$10,000 per year	Maximum annual payment established for not farming not for cost shares received
Cost Sharing available for:  * Plan preparation  * Tree Planting site preparation planting stock planting direct seeding tree shelters  * Timber stand improvement crop tree release crop tree pruning thinning site prep for natural regeneration control of competing vegetation  * Soil & Water Protection critical area seeding diversions road design  * Fencing  * Wildlife Practices prairie & savanna restoration vegetation management tree and shrub planting nest boxes & platforms creation of openings wildlife corridors shallow water areas  * Fisheries practices vegetation management bank stabilization in-stream habitat  * Buffer establishment tree and shrub planting grass establishment rip rap  * T& E Species Protection * Historic & Aesthetic Enhancement	Cost Sharing available in 17 counties: Marinette, Oconto, Menominee, Shawano, Marathon, Waupaca, Wood, Portage, Waushara, Marquette, Adams, Dane, Sauk, Richland, Iowa, and Grant and Juneau for:  * Plan Preparation  * Tree Planting site preparation planting stock planting tree shelters  * Timber Stand Improvement crop tree release crop tree pruning thinning site prep for natural regeneration  * Reducing Effects of Gypsy Moth Defoliation  * Slowing Spread of Oak Wilt Trenching	Cost Sharing available for:  * Plan Preparation  * Tree Planting site preparation planting stock planting  * Wildlife Planting site preparation planting stock planting  * Grass Establishment  * Erosion Control Structures  * Stream Buffers

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FLEP Forest Landowner Enhancement Program	WHIP Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Federal Program administered by the DNR Forestry (not available until late 2002)	Federal Program administered by the NRCS with NRCS and DNR Fisheries and Wildlife as technical agencies	Federal Program administered by the NRCS with NRCS and DNR Forestry as technical agencies
Up to 65% cost share for the preparation of management plans and the implementation of designated practices.	75 % cost share for items proposed in a 5 or 10 year contract	Up to 75 % cost share. (5 or 10 year contracts)
Maximum cost shares earned set by Federal Government currently \$10,000 per year	Maximum cost shares earned set by Federal Government currently \$10,000 per year	Maximum cost shares set by Federal Government currently \$10,000 annually; \$50,000 per contract.
<p>Cost sharing available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tree Planting</li> <li>* Timber stand improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>crop tree release</li> <li>crop tree pruning</li> <li>thinning</li> <li>site prep for natural regeneration</li> <li>control of competing vegetation</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Water Quality Improvement &amp; Watershed Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>critical area seeding</li> <li>diversions</li> <li>road design</li> <li>buffer establishment</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Forest Health and Improvement</li> <li>* Exclusion Fencing</li> <li>* Fish &amp; Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>habitat creation and enhancement</li> <li>nest boxes &amp; platforms</li> <li>creation of openings</li> <li>wildlife corridors</li> <li>shallow water areas</li> <li>in-stream habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Wildfire &amp; Catastrophic Event Risk Reduction</li> <li>* Restoration From Wildfire &amp; Catastrophic Events</li> <li>* Invasive Forest Species Control</li> </ul>	<p>Cost sharing available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Wildlife planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>site preparation</li> <li>planting stock</li> <li>planting</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Grass Establishment</li> <li>* Fencing</li> <li>* Prescribed Burning</li> <li>* Wildlife Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>nesting habitat</li> <li>vegetation management</li> <li>tree and shrub planting</li> <li>creation of openings</li> <li>wildlife corridors</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Fisheries Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vegetation management</li> <li>bank stabilization</li> <li>in-stream habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Wetland Restoration</li> <li>* Farmstead Shelterbelts</li> <li>* Grazing Systems</li> </ul>	<p>Cost sharing available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tree Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>site preparation</li> <li>planting stock</li> <li>planting</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Ecosystem Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fisheries</li> <li>prescribed burning</li> <li>upland wildlife habitat</li> <li>brush management</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Erosion Control (on agricultural land) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diversions</li> <li>waterways</li> <li>windbreaks</li> <li>contour strips</li> <li>terraces</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Agricultural Waste Management</li> <li>* Stream Buffers</li> </ul> <p>Note: Local work groups determines practices available</p>

**Note:** The above table is to provide a brief comparison of the programs and is not intended to be a complete list of rules and practices available through each program. The practices listed above must be recommended and approved by the technical agencies listed.